

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to the payment of the Issue Fee.

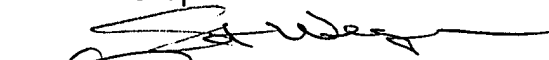
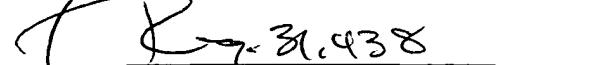
The allowed claims were presented for consideration in a Preliminary Amendment. Upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant reviewed the claims in the application and noted several minor errors therein. Specifically, Applicant amends claims 43, 59, 79, 91, 100 and 107 to change reference to "an acknowledgment (ACK) signal" and "a negative acknowledge (NAK) signal" to the plural expression ---acknowledgment (ACK) signals--- and ---negative acknowledge (NAK) signals---, respectively, in order to be consistent with reference in the claims to plural MR, MS, CL and CLR signals.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendment pursuant to M.P.E.P. §714.16, submitting that the amendments to the claims address formal matters without changing the scope thereof. Specifically, Applicant submits that the amendment is needed for proper protection of the invention, and the amendment requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office.

Should there be any question, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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